



Steven R. Hill, Administrator



Steve Hill was appointed Administrator of the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) in April 2005. A cabinet level agency, the HCA administers health-care benefits to more than 400,000 Washington residents through the Basic Health program for low-income residents, and the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) program for state government workers and retirees. Combined, the two programs administer over \$1.2 billion in benefits annually. The HCA also administers the Community Health Services program that provides state funding to community clinics; the Prescription Drug Program (known as Rx Washington) designed to reduce state spending on drugs; and the Uniform Medical Plan, a preferred provider plan utilized by more than a third of PEBB enrollees.

In announcing his appointment, Governor Christine Gregoire named Hill to lead a team of public and private sector health-care leaders to make specific recommendations to contain health-care costs. The group will investigate effective uses of technology, consumer incentives, wellness promotion, and other avenues to reduce health care's increasing impact on the state's budget.

Hill retired from Weyerhaeuser Co. where, as senior vice president of human resources, he led wellness efforts for thousands of employees and worked to contain the company's health-care costs. He helped form, and served as president, of the Health Care Purchasers of Puget Sound, a group representing employers who sponsor health-care insurance. He also has served on the state's Hospital Rate Setting Commission.

A former Regent for Washington State University, Hill received a bachelor of science degree in forest management from the University of California at Berkeley in 1969. In 1971, he received a master of business administration degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. He is a member of the first class of the American Leadership Forum Chapter for Tacoma-Pierce County, and on the board of directors for the Seattle Symphony, Hilltop Artists in Residence, and the Washington Public Affairs Network (TVW). He was elected a member of the National Academy of Human Resources in the Class of 2000. In 1978, he was appointed a White House Fellow and served as a staff assistant in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy. He is past president and board member of the White House Fellows Association.

Hill lives in Tacoma, Washington with his wife Sandy. They have two adult daughters.